



Beaver Valley Lutheran Church ELCA

Our Mission Statement: To GATHER as God's family, To GROW in Grace, To GO in Faith, Love & Service

THE TIDINGS: A monthly Newsletter for Family & Friends of Beaver Valley **December 2023**



Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve Services at Beaver Valley Lutheran

9:30am – Morning
Christmas Eve Worship

5:00pm – Christmas Eve
Traditional Candlelight
Service

9:00pm – Christmas Eve
Chapel & Candlelight Service

DECEMBER NEWS

Grief Support Group – starting Tuesday, December 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship in BVLC sanctuary-Wednesdays, December, 6:15p.m.

Confirmation – Wednesdays, December 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir at Bethany Meadows community room-Wednesdays, Dec, 7:00pm

Children's Christmas Program – Sunday, December 10th, 9:30 a.m.

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Christmas Cantata – Sunday, December 17th, 9:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast at Ron & Jeanne Nelsen's house - Thursday,
December 21st, 7:00 a.m.

Lessons & Carols – Sunday, December 31st, 9:30 a.m.



Gentle God, Gentle People

“He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will gather his lambs in his arm, he will carry them in his bosom, and will gently lead those who have their young.” (Is. 40:11 AMP)

This world is angry and unsettled and so many of the headlines are stolen by all things that are harsh and unkind: wars, political polarization and its unforgiving lexicon, hatreds of most any kind. For followers of Jesus Christ our days must be different.

The prophets foretold of God sending a leader for God’s people who would not be arrogant and harsh, but instead, would be perfectly gentle in dealing with God’s hurting people. Old and New Testament alike describe this God coming: a “shoot from Jesse’s stem”, our “Prince of Peace,” the Son of God, this Son of Man, as one who could have chosen to be served, but didn’t, having “emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant” (Philippians 2:5-11, the famous Christ Hymn).

That this servant God came to earth at Christmas in a most gentle way, really becomes our calling--to live as gentle people--as we take seriously our baptismal callings to be “little Christs” in this often harsh world. Famous American author and storyteller, Garrison Keillor invites us to consider the beauty and the steady power that living a gentle life will have:

“What keeps our faith cheerful is the extreme persistence of gentleness and humor. Gentleness is everywhere in daily life, a sign that faith rules through ordinary things: through cooking and small talk, through storytelling, making love, fishing, tending animals and sweet corn and flowers, through sports, music and books and raising kids—all the places where the gravy soaks in and grace shines through. Even in a time of elephantine vanity and greed, one never has to look far to see the campfires of gentle people. Lacking any other purpose in life, it would be good enough to live for their sake.”

Throughout these December days, may the life of our congregation be a testament to living in Jesus’ name: Sunday school Christmas programs, a Christmas cantata led by almost thirty voices, gifts gathered by our youth to give away in the cold days of January for those most in need, Candlelight worship services with flames dancing in the dark--reminding us that angry darkness will not defeat the smallest campfire burning.

Advent Blessings,

Pastor Greg Johnson

Important Message from our Church Treasurer

For those of you who might not know me my name is Darcie Johnson, your church treasurer. There has been a lot going on in the past almost 2 years since I took over the position. During the month of November, the stewardship committee has been presenting with you different topics, and discussing the increase that we will see in the budget in 2024. I'm hoping to help provide you all with a little bit more information and detail into those specific items.

2024 Budget Concerns: 15% Budget Increase

1. Pastor Compensation Package
 1. For the past 10 years Pastor Greg has been taking a salary reduction for his offering contribution – this has been directly removed from the Pastor compensation on the budget.
 1. We have adjusted to 2024 Budget to reflect Pastor salary that meets Synod Guidelines (no reduction with an offering contribution)
 1. I'm not sure if members knew this had been occurring in the past 10 years, but as a church we need to see the impact of this on our budget
2. Office Staff – Increase to 32 hours weekly – Estimated \$13,000 increase
 1. 10 hours – Remote (Kari)
 2. 22 Hours – In House Admin (5.5/day)
 1. Why are we looking at doing this?
 1. Kari has been an excellent employee, we will need her to help train the new office staff. Kari has knowledge of certain areas (website, Shepards staff) that is extremely valuable. This will allow us to have 2 people that are trained and able to assist when needed. Giving the church more stability in the office staff
 2. In House administration is a necessity as well. Hours would be from 9 am to 3 pm Monday thru Thursday tentatively. Kari & Pastor Greg would help train this individual.
3. Insurance
 1. 30% Increase from 2023 to 2024
 1. Why? There are a couple of different reasons
 1. Increase in property value – when the tornado hit, we had a coverage of \$3.2 million. With the damage to just one side of our building our insurance claim will be close to \$2.5 when all said and done. When everything is complete, we will give a full detail of the figures.
 1. Our new property value is \$5.9 million
 2. Insurance calculations are very difficult and I won't even try to tell you I full understand the. But most of us have seen insurance increases in our business and property over the past 12-18 months. The church is seeing the same thing. My hope is that we will see this level out, and next year we will see a minimal increase. Unfortunately, I can't guarantee that but with our property value at a more reasonable rate, if everything stays steady I would anticipate that is what would happen.
4. Budget Standards
 1. We are kind of in the same situation as we were last year, with getting back into the building. We've kept the majority of the lines items the exact same, or reduced some because insurance money will be helping replace some of the items.
 2. New Copier – we do have that on order, accurate #'s will be in the budget
 3. Phone/Internet – we will be getting new figures from Alliance and have that accurate in the budget

Treasurer's Summary:

I hope that this helps explain the areas of concerns and consideration at this time. I'm always available for questions, you can give me a call or text 507-329-3648, I respond to those a little quicker, or shoot me an email

treasurer@beavervalleylutheran.org.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this, I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

BVLC Treasurer

Darcie Johnson



December Highlights



December 3rd, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.—Worship at Boom Chapel

This will be the only Sunday in December that we will meet at George Boom Chapel. All other Sunday through December, we will meet over in the Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary.

December 3rd, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. – Christmas Program Practice & make a Christmas ornament

December 3rd, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – Worship at Bethany



December 5th, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Grief Support Group

We will be meeting on three Tuesdays in December, the 5th, 12th & 19th. We will take a break for Christmas, and then meet again in January on the 9th and 16th. (see article)

December 6th, Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. – Sunday School kids sing at Bethany Meadows



December 6th, Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. – Wednesday Worship in



Beaver Valley sanctuary

With our commitment to having worship throughout the year at our Beaver Valley campus, this half hour of worship is offered throughout the fall, winter and spring for all members and guests. We will start at

6:15 p.m. sharp. A simple order of worship; piano and sometimes guitar; the lessons and Holy Communion patterns will be observed for the following Sunday. (not handicapped accessible)



December 6th, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation (meets in youth room)

December 6th, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir

December 6th, we will meet at Bethany Meadows. December 13th, practice will be at Beaver Valley Lutheran. On Saturday, December 16th, there will be a 9:00 am Practice at Beaver Valley or Valley Springs Lutheran. Location yet to be determined. Sunday December 17 is the Cantata at the BVLC 9:30am service and then again over at Valley Springs Lutheran. Adult Choir on break until Wednesday, January 3rd.

December 7th, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

December 9th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Rehearsal / Children's Christmas Program Practice (speaking parts only)

December 10th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Children's Christmas Program at Beaver



Valley Lutheran sanctuary

See Sunday School article. This program will allow our children to become the Christmas promise on this morning. Thank you parents and teacher volunteers for making this program happen. No coffee hour this morning as the children need this area before and after worship to for the program.

December 14th, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

The church council will meet to conduct monthly business on this second Thursday of December. Members of Beaver Valley are always welcome to sit in on these meetings. Any business or concerns that you would like to present to the council should be made known to church council president, David Vanden Hull, at any time.





December Highlights



December 16th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Adult Choir Practice at Beaver Valley or Valley Springs Lutheran (TBD)

December 17th, Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Parish Life Group “JOY” Meeting at Beaver Valley Lutheran

Thank you to each household in this group. Please come and help plan hospitality and a parish life event for the following three months. Your help in keeping things fun and productive cannot be overemphasized. We will meet in the sanctuary.

December 17th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Adult Choir Christmas Cantata

We celebrate Christmas with music and with our friends! We are again thankful for all of the voices from three congregations making up this cantata choir. Invite a friend to worship on this festive Sunday!



December 20th, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – Music & Worship Committee Meeting

This talented group will help give shape to the many and differing worship services during the month of December. Thanks to Gingi Hanson, Ruth Tieszen, Georgia Backer, Sylvia Benson and Sally Rosin for their month-in, month-out help with worship planning.



December 21st, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at Ron & Jeanne Nelsen’s house (1616 S. Parkview Blvd, Brandon)

December 24th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Fourth Sunday in Advent worship at Beaver Valley sanctuary

At this morning service, we will light the fourth of our Advent wreath candles. It is the Angel Candle. How appropriate to remember the words of the angels and the angel chorus celebration on the morning of Christmas Eve.



December 24th, Sunday, 5:00pm –Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service in Beaver Valley Sanctuary

We need help with ushering for both of our Christmas Eve candlelight services. Please sign up if you are able to help with either of the services.

December 24th, Saturday, 9:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight Chapel in Beaver Valley Sanctuary



December 25th, Monday, 8:30 a.m. – Merry Christmas!!

Church is closed Christmas day. We hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday!

December 27th, Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. – No Wednesday Worship, No Confirmation, No Adult Choir – Christmas Break

December 31st, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Lessons & Carols at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary

Our sanctuary is the perfect place to gather, (Christmas sweaters on!) to sing carols and listen to the sacred words that tell of God’s design to save our world through the birth of his Son.





Christmas Eve Services at Beaver Valley Lutheran

Sunday, December 24th

9:30am – Morning Christmas Eve Worship

5:00pm – Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service

9:00pm – Christmas Eve Chapel & Candlelight Service
(sanctuary is not handicapped accessible)

Come & worship with us! All are welcome!

Beaver Valley
Lutheran Church ELCA

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Beaver Valley YOUTH Sunday School

children's program



December is a big month for us!!! Our program is on December 10th and will include some of the kids from Small Wonders Preschool. We are also thankful to have the 5th grade God Squad help us with the program! We

will work on making ornaments on December 3rd and sing at Bethany Meadows on Wednesday December 6th at 6:15pm.

~Brittany Gerovac



First Communion Class 2023, November 5th

It was a special All Saints/
Holy Communion
Sunday as another class of seven students
received their First Communion.

December Schedule

Sunday, December 3rd - Christmas Program Practice, Make a Christmas ornament
Wednesday, December 6th - **Sing at Bethany Meadows at 6:15pm**
Saturday, December 9th - Christmas Program Practice for speaking parts 9am
Sunday, December 10th - **Christmas Program**
December 17th - 31st - No Sunday School
Sunday, January 7th - **Sunday School Resumes**



Preschool

In December we will continue with our curriculum for the year, but add in some festive holiday activities! Progress reports will be sent home this month to give parents a good idea of where their kids are at. The Preschoolers are very excited to come to the church and be a part of the Christmas Program!



Beaver Valley YOUTH

Confirmation/Senior High



Our confirmation and Senior High youth are combining their energies in the month of December as they commit to helping Church on the Street (Pastor Chris Matson) with the “Christmas in January” servant event on January 31. Here are the details:



- Beaver Valley households are asked to donate **gloves, stocking caps and socks and money** through the month of December and into the first half of January.
- The Senior High will take the money and go shopping (when the Christmas clearance sales are on!!) with Deacon Suzanne Hansen over the third weekend in January.
- This faithful, combined group will serve in various locations on this last evening in January, gifting to the homeless clothing items that will help them survive the cold of winter and know that they are loved by their God and God’s people.
- The kids say, “Thanks for your helping keeping Christmas alive into the year!”



Confirmation December Schedule

December 6
December 13

Lesson 38—“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”
Lesson 39—“Hallowed be Thy Name” (After class, those singing in BV’s new youth music team will practice in preparation for the Dec. 17, Sunday morning, music festival)

December 20

Lesson 40—“Thy Kingdom Come” (Time for a little Christmas party...who can help?)

December 27

NO CLASS—Christmas break

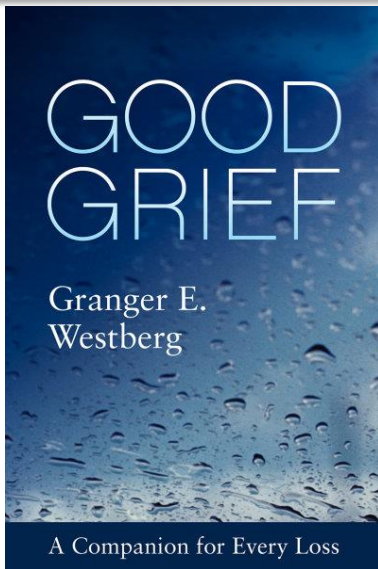


Parish Life Group (PLG) “JOY”

The third PLG, “JOY”, has their first meeting **Sunday, December 17th at 8:45 a.m.** They will look out over January, February, and March and consider the life of our parish. Leaders will be asked to step forward to be the contact person(s) when parish life events and needs arise or are formulated by the group themselves. At this meeting we will make sure that we have good contact information within the group itself. We will make sure that every household within that group during that three-month period of time is specifically invited into the joyous, often servant work of Beaver Valley.

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| Denis & Janet Andersen | Harlan & Linda Gjoraas | Don & Becky Nolte |
| Joyce Anderson | Dwayne Goblirsch & Isabell Larson | LeRoy & Virginia Pappenfus |
| Doug Anderson | Dan & Gingi Hanson | Tom & Ade Pederson |
| Paul & Shelly Berg | Mary Hanson | Curt & Doris Phillips |
| Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford | Susan Johannsen | Judy Richards |
| Crystal Burkman | Larry & Ardell Johnson | Trudy Roberts |
| John Burkman | Robert & Jill Kiefer | Terry & Karla Schneider |
| Scott & Laura Carbonneau | Pastor Terry Knudson | Janet Scott |
| Bill & Donna Dawley | Winston & Rebecca Loman | Dan & Trish Steen |
| Greg & Shannon Devaney | Martha McDonald | Seth & Shannon Weber |
| Maria Engels | Ronald & Jeanne Nelsen | Dawn Weyh |
| Corey & Brittany Gerovac | Randy & Bonnie Nelson | Cory & Brenda Winter |

(*See complete updated 2024 Parish Life Group List in newsletter)



Grief Support Group

The results of our congregation’s Faith Community Nursing assessment survey made it clear that dozens of our members are interested in dealing with grief in a support group setting. Not therapy, not direct counseling, but a setting in which good, prayed-over, conversation among a few others (almost always, importantly not more than 8) allows for a deeper understanding of one’s own walk through grief and the healing that does come over time within each person engaged with the broader community. Pastor Greg and Sue Johannsen team in the facilitation of this first group. Please contact either of them if you are interested in being a part of this or another support group. This first group has room for three more individuals. It will meet on three Tuesdays in December and two in January.

Limited Quantities - BVLC 150th Anniversary Memorabilia is now for Sale!

Makes Great Christmas Gifts! There is just a few pieces left of many of the 150th Anniversary Memorabilia items. Committee members will have memorabilia items for sale throughout the month of December. Items for sale include insulated drinking cups, stemless goblets, coasters, and picture frames - great for confirmation or first communion pictures.

Thanks! Tammy Ford



Meet our New Members



Don & Peggy Weber

welcome
to our church family



**Sondrea Borth, and children
Emburly and Brinly Tiemeyer
Bryson Hicks (not pictured)**



**Carla Feucht &
(daughter Saddie)**

Don & Peggy Weber
2800 N. Oak Rd.
Brandon, SD 57005
(612) 875-8796 – Don cell
(612) 554-4866 – Peggy cell
peggyweber50@gmail.com

Don & Peggy currently live in Brandon, summer through fall, and they live in Florida during winter months. Don is a retired CPA. Peggy is a retired Oncology Nurse. Coming to Beaver Valley, they know the Schmidt family, as they are Ellen's parents, as well Terry & Kate Brick. They enjoy travel, reading books, gardening, and music.

Sondrea Borth
Brinly (1), Emburly (5),
Bryson (17)
3125 S. Fernwood Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57110
(309) 631-1785 – Sondrea
borth84@gmail.com

Sondrea and her children have lived in Sioux Falls for the past 6 years. Sondrea is a Customer Service Consultant at Wells Fargo. Coming to Beaver Valley, she knows Emily Muller and Alan & Ellen Schmidt.

Carla Feucht
104 S. Augusta Pl., Unit 4
Brandon, SD 57005
(605) 929-3248
ctgsrrs@gmail.com

Carla currently lives Brandon, recently relocated from Larchwood. Carla is an RN at Avera in Sioux Falls. Coming to Beaver Valley, she knows Beth Flier, Linda Dawley, Mabel Wilcox, and Becky Nolte. Carla is interested in being active, movies, cooking & baking.

Thank you to Kingbird Coffee for having men's breakfast at their shop in Brandon for November.

For **December 21st**, Men's Breakfast will meet over at Ron & Jeanne Nelsen's house (1616 S. Parkview Blvd, Brandon). Join us at 7am!





Women's Retreat to be held at Joy Ranch, near Watertown, January 12-14. A deposit of \$50 check made out to Joy Ranch and given to Twyla Voldseth ASAP. Any questions, please call or text Twyla at 605-595-4772. All women and friends of BVLC are welcome to join us for a fun weekend of fellowship with others!!

Sunday, November 12th

Thanks to Michael and Jessica Gross for opening up the kingbird coffee shop to Beaver Valley for the November Parish life group "game night." \$134 was donated to the Brandon Food Pantry as a result of this afternoon gathering.



THANK YOU!

I would like to give a thank you to Debbie Shroll, Doris Phillips, Gingi Hanson, and Heidi Schacht for their dedication this past year in getting the bulletins ready for services and the Tidings compiled for mailing. Also, Bonnie Nelson for being available when needed. It is very much appreciated.

- Harley Drew

And Thank you to Harley for organizing and the group of ladies mentioned above that help in the church office. Your help readying the bulletins each week and preparing the Tidings for mailing each month has been extremely helpful. I'm so thankful that everything has gone so smoothly this past year, and it has gone smoothly only because of all of your help. So, thank you ladies! I appreciate you all. - Kari Morgan

Lighting of the Advent Candle

If your family is interested in taking part in lighting the Advent candle, at the beginning of worship, please sign-up for one of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday services on December 3rd, 10th, 17th, or 24th.

Sign-up sheet posted at George Boom Chapel.



BEAVER VALLEY PARISH LIFE GROUPS 2024

| Jan- March Joy | April - June Faith | July - Sept Hope | Oct - Dec Peace |
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| Denis & Janet Andersen | Jon & Anne Anderson | Tony & Angela Arndt | Devin & Diana Albers |
| Joyce Anderson | Daryl & Margo Anderson | Jennie & Aaron Baartman | Jackie Bahr |
| Doug Anderson | Kerry Knudson | Cory Beck | Kevin & Georgia Backer |
| Paul & Shelly Berg | Larry & Ann Beesley | Sondrea Borth | Emily Backer |
| Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford | Randy Berghorst | Jason & Sonja Braucht | Lanny & Sylvia Benson |
| Crystal Burkman | Bruce & Lynne Bonander | Troy & Kathy Dawley | Terry & Kate Brick |
| John Burkman | Jeff & April Boucher | Josh & Jennie Dede | Matthew & Kimberly Cerwick |
| Scott & Laura Carbonneau | Marvin Burkman | Tony & Kelly Dreyer | Jeff & Deanna Christensen |
| Bill & Donna Dawley | Ed & Rosemary Cyr | Chad Fechner | Dalyce Clow |
| Greg & Shannon Devaney | Todd & Linda Dawley | Dan Feeken | Richard & Jennie Dean |
| Maria Engels | Trent Dawley | Travis & Katelyn Genz | Trevor & Rachel Fender |
| Corey & Brittany Gerovac | Harlene Drew | Dustin & Caitlyn Guischer | Joel & Beth Flier |
| Harlan & Linda Gjoraas | Carla Feucht | Scott & PJ Hansel | Michael & Jessica Gross |
| Dwayne Goblirsch & Isabell Larson | Brent & Lynsay Granberg | Jenna Hauglid | Matt & Kayci Halbersma |
| Dan & Gingi Hanson | Jason & Lynn Haak | Gail Hermanson | Robert & Suzanne Hansen |
| Mary Hanson | Derek Hanson | Carl & Darcie Johnson | Dale & Krista Hanson |
| Susan Johannsen | Nick & Laura Hofstee | Rick & Christy Johnson | Hayley Heimes |
| Larry & Ardell Johnson | Josh & Angie Holz | TJ & Tara Law | Mike & Cheryl Hluchy |
| Robert & Jill Kiefer | Amy Johnson | John & Mary Lee | Helen Jacobson |
| Pastor Terry Knudson | Lowell & Mary Johnson | Corey & Lori Maunu | Tanner & Kortney Jacobson |
| Winston & Rebecca Loman | Mike & Janna Kloth | Kim Myers | Greg & Nancy Johnson |
| Martha McDonald | Morgann Leis | Wayne & DeEtta Myers | JoAnn Keyser |
| Ronald & Jeanne Nelsen | Vyonne Manning | Mark Olson | David & Sara Kiefer |
| Randy & Bonnie Nelson | Jason & Renae Melcher | Troy & April Prohl | Kelly & Susan Kruse |
| Don & Becky Nolte | Dennis & Debra Moritz | Brian & Cathy Roberts | Robert & Beverly Maxwell |
| LeRoy & Virginia Pappenfus | Chris & Jamie Nelson | Sally Rosin | Kevin & Kim Petterson |
| Tom & Ade Pederson | Jeremy & Erin Olesen | Scott & Sarah Rust | Kathy Reisenweber |
| Curt & Doris Phillips | Gary & Patty Parker | Marlys Sands | Michael & Heidi Schacht |
| Judy Richards | Amanda Petrik | David & Anita Schnabel | Dennis & Joan Schuette |
| Trudy Roberts | Arthur & Beverly Richert | Don Seiler | Kirby & Debby Shroll |
| Terry & Karla Schneider | Alan & Ellen Schmidt | Corey & Nicole Sitzmann | Mike Swenson |
| Janet Scott | Paul & Lexi Sittig | Eric & Stacy Soldatke | David & Kristen Vanden Hull |
| Dan & Trish Steen | Crystal Steuerwald | Arlyn & Evonne Surdez | Jeff & Twyla Voldseth |
| Seth & Shannon Weber | Matt & Heather Swenson | Philip & Sandy Tooley | Taylor & Stephanie Wegner |

BEAVER VALLEY PARISH LIFE GROUPS 2024

Dawn Weyh
Cory & Brenda Winter

Ruth Tieszen
Justin & Miranda Waldner
Tom & Linda Wingate

Don & Peggy Weber
Kelly & Julie Wright

Mable Wilcox
Richard Woelber
Mengistu & Jeannelle Yitagesu

If you are missing from this list, please let the church office know. Thank you.



Christmas Eve volunteer help is needed

Sunday, December 24th

9:30am – Morning Christmas Eve Worship

5:00pm – Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service

9:00pm – Christmas Eve Chapel & Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve volunteer help is needed for ushering at all three Christmas Eve Services. Please Sign up or let Pastor Greg know if you are able to help.



CHURCH COUNCIL

November 9, 2023

Attendees: Kelly Wright (1st Term-2026) Alan Schmidt (1st Term-2026)
Scott Hansel (1st Term 2026)

Shelly Berg (1st Term-2025) Mary Lee (1st Term-2025)
Rick Bonander (2nd Term-2025) David Schnabel (2nd Term-2025)

Harlene Drew (1st Term-2024) Brittany Gerovac (1st Term – 2024)
David Vanden Hull (1st Term-2024) Corey Maunu (2nd Term-2024)

Pastor Greg Johnson Darcie Johnson (Treasurer)

Call to Order: David Vanden Hull

Devotions: Kelly Wright

Absent: Shelly Berg

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve the October Minutes was made by Greg Johnson and seconded by Harley Drew. Motion carried as amended.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: Motion to approve the October Treasurers report was made by Harly Drew and seconded by Kelly Wright. Motion carried.

Business:

- **MMSC: Motion to separate the following items from the Welcome Campaign:**
 - **Asphalt repaving**
 - **Youth Director**

By Alan Schmidt seconded by Mary Lee. Motion carried.

- **2023 Benevolence to the following organizations:**

- **St. Dysmas**
- **Brandon Food Pantry**
- **Church on the Street**
- **Lutheran Outdoors of SD**
- **Shetek Lutheran Ministries**
- **Feeding South Dakota**
- **St. Francis House**
- **The Banquet**
- **Angel Tree/VS Elementary**

- **MMSC: Motion by Brittany Gerovac contract with Midwest Ledgers as of January 1, 2024 to process:**

- **Payroll**
- **1099's**
- **W-2**
- **Conduct a monthly spot check of finances.**

As our current provider, Harmon Howell Payroll is retiring second by Scott Hansel. Motion carried.

- **Cincinnati Insurance has informed Beaver Valley Treasurer that our premium for 2024 will be \$35,000.00 which means insurance for a 5.4 million policy increase from last year by \$8,000.00 or 35%.**
- **David Vanden Hull provided an update of the progress of our rebuild:**
 - **Brick accent wall in upper foyer-install a receptacle for lighting**

- **BVLC wall of history-install receptacles for lighting**
- **12' cross on south entrance will be completed in the spring by members of the congregation**
- **Starting on new south entrance**
- **Bidding out a new electrical box for the sanctuary, located in Church basement.**
- **Cincinnati Insurance Company issued \$299,852.65 to replace contents. Dollar breakouts will be given to established committees for establishing how to best utilize these funds.**
- **MMSC: Motion by Dave Schnabel to lease a color printer from Century Business Products for use in our new office seconded by Kelly Wright. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee: Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

- No Report.

Church in Society: Council Assignment, Harlene Drew, Shelly Berg

- No Report

Education and Youth Ministry: Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

- Preparing Sunday School for the Christmas program which will take place at the Beaver Valley Sanctuary. Will be held on December 10th.

Evangelism and Outreach: Council Assignment, Mary Lee

- New member Sunday will be November 19th.
- Noted that Beaver Valley was not listed in the Brandon Chamber of Commerce "Inside Brandon" magazine. This oversight will be corrected.

Media: Council Assignment, Corey Maunu, David Vanden Hull

- Media equipment has been installed into the sanctuary.

Personnel: Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull, Rick Bonander

- As we move back into the sanctuary Luke Feegen has been hired to do janitorial work at the Church.

Property: Council Assignment, David Schnabel, Alan Schmidt & Scott Hansel

- Painting old kitchen cabinets which will be used for communion preparation and youth.
- Landscape work completed.

Stewardship: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson, Rick Bonander

- "Give us This Day Our DAILY BREAD." Will be the theme for the stewardship drive in November.
- Highlighting our daily ministry that Beaver Valley supports in our congregation and the surrounding community.
- Looking for 80-100 responses from members. Very important information as we prepare 2024 budget

Worship & Music: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

- November 26th worship will be held at the Beaver Valley sanctuary.
- Christmas season begins on December 3rd at Boom Chapel
- Worship services will be held at the sanctuary starting December 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

150th Anniversary: Council Assignment, Steering Committee, Rick Bonander

- 150th memorabilia is limited. These items make a once in a lifetime Christmas gift, secure yours today.
- Working on plans for completing graphic wall design timeline.
- Provided 150th memorabilia to the Flower Committee for be able to offer 150th Christmas ornaments.

Beaver Valley Churchmen: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

- November 16th breakfast and devotions at King Bird Coffee. The topic will be service projects for 2024.
- **Beaver Valley Women:** Council Assignment, Open
- Following Women's huddle 5-6 ladies have agreed to make up a leadership team.

Faith Community Nursing Program: Sue Johannsen

- Survey for faith community nursing project distributed to the congregation for completed by end of November. Have received 60 responses to date. Please complete and submit yours in November.

Pastor's Report:

- **January 21, 2024 date for an “all Beaver Valley, leadership workshop:**
 - **Would include members of the council, committees, and organizations. The purpose is to evaluate strengths and set realistic goals for 2024.**
- **new members and sponsors-Sunday November 19th**
- **we need to form a “senior high servant team” core group youth-desire community involvement.**
- **Follow up to stewardship “Our Daily Bread”-Treasurer will compose an email to the congregation that will explain the reason we are asking for a 15% increase in giving for 2024.**
- **“Lessons and carols” worship is being planned for December 31. Theme will be “Be thou my vision.”**

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Bonander and seconded by Brittany Gerovac. Motion carried.

Devotions for December 14th meeting will be Scott Hansel.



“All Leadership Retreat”—January 21, 2024

The year ahead will be an historic year of rebirth for our congregation. Not only will we be entering back into what will be a new building, we will emphasize the need to not miss this opportunity to “face forward” as new faces will be in leadership positions and members of all kinds will be engaged in restarting many of the ministry offerings of the past as well as taking the prayed over time to envision what our new call might be.

The Sunday January 21 “All Leadership Retreat” is intended to do nothing less than lay the foundation of much of what will be who we are into the coming years. We will:

- Break into our leadership groups for our early conversations: church council, 7 committees, no less than 5 sub-committees and organizations represented in this group of eighty members or more.
- put up on the wall the full structure of the church, meaning who does what and who talks to whom and who in the end decides the path forward for God’s work in and out of this congregation.
- But most importantly, spend good time hearing each other. Yes, “who’s doing what?” but more broadly “what is this world needing us to be?” or more simply, “who needs Beaver Valley?”

If you’re in any of the above-mentioned groups, would you please try and be in worship on the 21st of January and then stay for a short coffee hour and then off to a first hour of work, then lunch, then an hour and half into the afternoon? God will bless our time together.

With thanks, Pastor Greg



| DECEMBER 2023 | | | | | |
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| | DECEMBER 3 | DECEMBER 10 | DECEMBER 17 | DECEMBER 24 | DECEMBER 31 |
| Greeters: | Wayne & DeEtta Myers | Greg & Cheri Godfrey | Lowell & Mary Johnson | Kevin & Georgia Backer | Dan & Gingi Hanson |
| Lectors: | Linda Wingate | Gary Parker | Tricia Steen | Janet Andersen | Nancy Johnson |
| Children's Sermon: | Deb Moritz | Brittany Gerovac –Christmas Program | Sue Johannsen | Pastor Greg Johnson | Bruce Bonander |
| Ushers: | Will & Kelly Kruse | Alan & Ellen Schmidt | Harley Drew, Mable Wilcox | Larry & Ardell Johnson | Lanny & Sylvia Benson |
| Communion Servers: | Dave & Anita Schnabel, Mike & Heidi Schacht | NONE | Ron & Jeanne Nelsen, Kathy Reisenweber, Nancy Johnson | NONE | NONE |
| Communion Preparers: | Jeanelle Yitagesu Wednesday Nov 29th Sue Johannsen | NONE | Jeanelle Yitagesu Wednesday 13th Sue Johannsen | NONE | NONE |
| Communion Bread: | Angie Arndt | NONE | Angie Arndt | NONE | NONE |
| Nursery: | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |
| Media: | Dan Feeken | David Vanden Hull | Corey Maunu | Lucas Maunu | Dan Feeken |
| Flags: | Scott & Sarah Rust | Gary Parker | Joel Flier | Kevin Backer | Scott & PJ Hansel |
| Church Bells | Marvin Burkman | Marvin Burkman | Marvin Burkman | Marvin Burkman | Marvin Burkman |
| Offering Counting: | Kevin Backer Marvin Burkman | Dale Hanson Kelly Wright | Kevin Backer Dan Feeken | Dave Schnabel Kelly Wright | Dale Hanson Marvin Burkman |

Note: If you are unable to serve on the date assigned or need to make changes to the schedule, please notify Kari Morgan at 605-521-6622 or at the church office email at office@beavervalleylutheran.org or swap dates with someone assigned to the same category. Thank you.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF B.V. ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY!

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| Christy Nelson | 12/2 | Timothy (TJ) Law | 12/18 |
| Elizabeth Liedholt | 12/3 | Jadyn Ramazani | 12/18 |
| Joyce Anderson | 12/4 | (Knudson) | |
| Sonja Braucht | 12/4 | Beverly Richert | 12/18 |
| Donna Dawley | 12/4 | Beth Flier | 12/19 |
| Holly Olesen | 12/4 | Alex McDonald | 12/19 |
| Kelly Dreyer | 12/5 | Paul Sittig | 12/19 |
| Kaylynn Erlandson | 12/5 | Peggy Weber | 12/19 |
| Hendrix Halbersma | 12/5 | Taylor Wegner | 12/20 |
| LeRoy Pappenfus | 12/5 | Wesley Christensen | 12/21 |
| Judith Burkman | 12/7 | Sara Kiefer | 12/21 |
| Briella Guischer | 12/7 | Angie Surdez | 12/21 |
| Mary Hanson | 12/7 | Dashel Halbersma | 12/22 |
| Sarah Prohl | 12/8 | Isaac Hanson | 12/22 |
| Emily Muller | 12/9 | Brianna Stahl | 12/22 |
| Robert Maxwell | 12/10 | Nicole Sitzmann | 12/24 |
| Erik Hanson | 12/11 | Matt Swenson | 12/24 |
| Gregg Holbrook | 12/11 | Miranda Waldner | 12/24 |
| Sue Johannsen | 12/11 | Mike Erickson | 12/25 |
| Grace Prohl | 12/11 | Mengistu Yitagesu | 12/25 |
| Lori Erickson | 12/12 | Cody Erickson | 12/26 |
| Tim Hanson | 12/12 | Carter Stahl | 12/26 |
| William Nelson | 12/12 | Tammy Ford | 12/27 |
| Zachary Nelson | 12/12 | Kasey Johnson | 12/30 |
| Dan Hanson | 12/14 | Christy Johnson | 12/31 |
| Mazie Petrik | 12/14 | Vivian Johnson | 12/31 |
| Tamasine Clow | 12/15 | Devin Swanson | 12/31 |
| Greg Johnson | 12/16 | Mable Wilcox | 12/31 |
| Kyera Nelson | 12/16 | Cory Winter | 12/31 |

THANK YOU all for your support of God's work at
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The last day of the year for financial contributions will
be **Thursday, December 28th**. Staff will check our PO
Box 128 in Brandon, SD for end of the year gifts if you
are not able to place them on the altar during our
December worshipping.

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Worship online anytime!

Sunday Worship at 9:30am is Livestreamed on YouTube. Log on to www.youtube.com and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.

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| 3 First Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion at George Boom Chapel 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a Christmas Program Practice / making Christmas ornaments 4:00p Worship at Bethany | 4 | 5 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 7:00p Grief Support Group | 6 6:15p Sunday School Kids sing at Bethany Meadows 6:15p Wednesday Worship in BVLC sanctuary 7:00p 6 th -8 th Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir at Bethany Meadows Community Room | 7 6:30p Education Committee Meeting | 8 | 9 9:00a Christmas Program rehearsal (speaking parts only) |
| 10 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary – Children's Christmas Program No Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School | 11 | 12 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 7:00p Grief Support Group | 13 6:15p Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in BVLC sanctuary 7:00p 6 th -8 th Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir at Beaver Valley Lutheran | 14 7:00p Church Council Meeting | 15 | 16 9:00a Adult Choir Practice at Beaver Valley Lutheran or Valley Springs Lutheran (Location TBD) |
| 17 Third Sunday of Advent 8:45a Parish Life Group "JOY" Meeting 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary – Adult Choir Christmas Cantata 10:30a Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School | 18 | 19 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 7:00p Grief Support Group | 20 5:00p Music & Worship Committee Meeting at Bethany Meadows 6:15p Wednesday Worship in BVLC sanctuary 7:00p 6 th -8 th Confirmation No Adult Choir | 21 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Ron & Jeanne Nelsen's house (1616 S. Parkway Blvd, Brandon) | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30a Christmas Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary No Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School 5:00p Christmas Candlelight Service at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary 9:00p Christmas Eve Chapel – Candlelight Service | 25 Merry Christmas! Office closed | 26 | 27 No Wednesday Worship – Christmas Break No Confirmation – Christmas Break No Adult Choir – Christmas Break | 28 Last day of the year for financial contributions | 29 (Pastor out of office 29 th -31 st) | 30 |
| 31 9:30a Lessons & Carols at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary 10:30a Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School | | |  | | | |